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SUBJECT: AIRMAIL AND AIR PARCEL POST DELAYS FROM US TO SWEDEN

1. THE EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED COPY OF A LETTER FROM A SWEDISH IMPORTER TO US MANUFACTURER COMPLAINING ABOUT THE LONG AIRMAIL AND AIR PARCEL POST DELAYS THE FORMER HAS EXPERIENCED IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASES MADE FROM US COMPANIES. THE SWEDISH FIRM CLAIMS THAT TRANSIT TIMES FOR AIR POST FROM THE US ARE NORMALLY SIX TO TEN DAYS, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE OCCASIONALLY RECEIVED PARCELS TWENTY DAYS AFTER MAILING. THE SWEDISH FIRM QUITE ACCURATELY POINTS OUT THAT LONGER DELIVERY TIMES INCREASE IMPORTER'S COSTS, WHICH, IN TURN, MAKE US PRODUCTS LESS COMPETITIVE WITH COMPARABLE GOODS PRODUCED ELSEWHERE, ESPECIALLY EEC. THE SWEDISH POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES TOLD THIS IMPORTER THEY OFTEN NOTE SEVERAL DAYS' DELAY BETWEEN AIR MAIL STAMPING DATE AND POSTED BAG DISPATCH DATE FROM US POST OFFICES; THEY ALSO NOTE DELAYS AND INDIRECT TIME-CONSUMING ROUTING DUE REQUIREMENT TO SHIP VIA AMERICAN CARRIER (NO DIRECT US CARRIER SERVICES SWEDEN).

2. IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO HOPE FOR DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN US POSTAL SERVICES IN THE NEAR-TERM.
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WE BELIEVE NEVERTHELESS THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SLOW SERVICE IS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A FACTOR AFFECTING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF US GOODS (ESPECIALLY SMALLER, HIGH VALUE ITEMS) IN SWEDISH AND PROBABLY OTHER MARKETS.
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